

DEAR FCC:I AM WRITING TO ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT SATELLITE RADIO (SPECIFICALLY XM RADIO).TO ME THIS IS THE GREATEST NEW CONSUMER SERVICE I HAVE SEEN IN MY LIFETIME (SINCE FM RADIO AND CABLE TELEVISION(I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST GOT FM RADIO IN MY CAR I SAID I WOULD NEVER SETTLE FOR AM ONLY RADIO ONLY AGAIN IN MY CAR.)NEVERTHELESS I STILL LISTEN TO AM RADIO,AND AM RADIO SURVIVED AND FOUND ITS NICHE. I NOW HAVE 2 XM RADIOS IN MY 2 FAMILY CARS AND I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO USE THIS SERVICE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.I TAKE MY RADIO IN MY OFFICE AND MY BEDROOM AT NIGHT.

XM RADIO HAS INVESTED MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DEVELOPING AND PRESENTING TO THE PUBLIC THIS HIGH QUALITY ENTERTAINMENT OPTION AT AFFORDABLE PRICES.IN A SENSE,THEY HAVE INVENTED IN THE GOOD SPIRIT OF FREE ENTERPRISE AMERICAN MARKET COMPETITION "A BETTER MOUSETRAP".THEY SHOULDNT BE PENALIZED FOR DOING SO NOR SHOULD I AS A CONSUMER BE SO PENALIZED BECAUSE XM IS A "THREAT" TO CONVENTIONAL BROADCASTING.

TO PUT ANOTHER WAY,IF SOMEONE INVENTS A CAR MOTOR THAT RUNS ON CRANBERRY JUICE AND GETS 200 MILES TO THE GALLON IS THE GOVT GOING TO LIMIT THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER ACCESS TO THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY TO PROTECT GM FORD AND CHRYSLER?(I WOULD HOPE NOT).THEY WOULD NEED TO ADJUST TO AND ANSWER THIS CHALLENGE IN THE COMPETITIVE MARKET PLACE AND HOPEFULLY THE CONSUMER WOULD BENEFIT IN THE END.

SPECIFICALLY,WITH RESPECT TO TRAFFIC AND WEATHER REPORTS,SINCE WHEN HAVE THEY BEEN THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF CONVENTIONAL BROADCASTERS?

IN THE NAME OF FREE SPEECH AND MAXIMIZING CONSUMER CHOICE AND ACCESS TO THE BROADCASTING TECHNOLOGY OF THEIR CHOICE PLEASE LET XM RADIO COMPETE FAIRLY IN THE FREE MARKET

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